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In re Application of :  
Felix W. Fenter et al :  
Serial No.: 10/791,733 :  
Filed: March 4, 2004 :  
For: Anastomosis Apparatus and Method :  
With Computer-Aided Automated Features :

DECISION PETITION

This is in response to applicants' petition filed March 4, 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the age of the applicant.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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